(b) whether the question of implementation of the formula in the respective States was discussed at the conference of State Education Secretaries, held in Delhi recently;

(c) if so, what are the details of decisions taken in this regard;

(d) whether it was proposed that one South Indian language should be adopted under the three language formula by the Northern States; and

(e) if so, whether any decision on this matter was also taken at the said Conference ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI) : (a) All the States have, in principle, accepted the Three Language Formula except Tamil Nadu which is implementing a two language formula. In the Union Territory of Pondicherry, in the regions of Pondicherry and Karaikal, the two language formula is implemented whereas in Mahe and Yanam, three language formula is implemented. In Assam which had accepted the three language formula, at present a two language formula comprising of the mother tongue as the first language and English as the second language is under implementation.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Conference reiterated the importance of implementing the three language formula meticulously and recommended that the States may avail of facilities provided by the Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL), Mysore, for inservice training of teachers in third language.

(d) and (e) The three language formula as enunciated in the education Policy requires that a Modern Indian language preferably one of the southern languages apart from Hindi and English should be studied in the schools in Hindi speaking States.

Discovery of deposits of Harappan age in Delhi

4031. SHRI P. N. SUKUL : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that some deposits of the Harappan age were discovered in Delhi recently;

(b) if so, what are the details of these discoveries; and

(c) whether any schemes are being drawn up to intensify the exploration and excavation work in Delhi ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI) : (a) During the season 1987-88, excavations carriedt out by the Departments of Archaeology, Delhi Administration at Mandoli in the Union Territory of Delhi, brought to light deposits of the late Harappan period.

(b) A mud floor and a few pieces of pottery of the late Harappan period as well as a terracotta object and beads were unerthed during the excavations.

(c) The Department of Archaeology, Delhi Administration, has proposed to intensify the excavations at the ancient site at Mandoli during the year 1988-89.

National Talent Search Scholarships

4032. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received suggestions to delink the National Talent Search Scholarship from the income of the parents of awardees; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and Government's decision thereon, stating the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Suggestions have been made for: